

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for selectively applying a delivery option to an email comprising the steps of:

- (a) listing email addresses;
- (b) selecting a plurality of said email addresses in the course of composing an email message;
- (c) selectively applying the delivery option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses; and
- (d) sending the email to said plurality of email addresses.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising listing email addresses on a computer screen.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a separate email for a group of addresses that have the same delivery option configuration.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a separate email to each address of said plurality of addresses.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising selectively applying more than one delivery option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising saving a configuration of delivery option settings that is associated with a first set of addresses.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising matching a second set of addresses with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery options saved with respect to the first set of addresses.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery option is selected from the options of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

9. A method of selectively applying a delivery option to addressees in an email, comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying an address book;
- (b) choosing addressees from the address book;
- (c) setting a flag indicating that more than one addressee has been chosen;
- (d) displaying an email delivery options selection window if said flag is set;
- (e) selectively applying delivery options to each of the addressees; and
- (f) sending the email.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the email delivery options selection window permits selective application of at least one of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising sending a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery option configuration.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising sending a separate email to each addressee.

13. The method of claim 9, further comprising saving a configuration of delivery option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising matching a second set of addressees with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

15. An email system for providing selective application of delivery options to individual addresses in a single email, comprising:

(a) means for listing email addresses;

(b) means for selecting a plurality of said email addresses in the course of composing an email message;

(c) means for selectively applying the delivery option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses; and

(d) means for sending the email to said plurality of email addresses.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for listing email addresses on a computer screen.

17. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for sending a separate email for a group of addresses that have the same delivery option configuration.

18. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for sending a separate email to each address of said plurality of addresses.

19. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for selectively applying more than one delivery option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses.

20. The system of claim 15, further comprising saving a configuration of delivery option settings that is associated with a first set of addresses.

21. The system of claim 20, further comprising means for matching a second set of addresses with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery options saved with respect to the first set of addresses.

22. The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery option is selected from delivery confirmation and return receipt.

23. A system for selectively applying a delivery option to addressees in an email, comprising:

- (a) means for displaying an address book;
- (b) means for choosing addressees from the address book;
- (c) means for setting a flag indicating that more than one addressee has been chosen;
- (d) means for displaying an email delivery options selection window if said flag is set;
- (e) means for selectively applying delivery options to each of the addressees; and
- (f) means for sending the email.

24. The system of claim 23, wherein the email delivery options selection window permits selective application of at least one of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

25. The system of claim 23, further comprising means for sending a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery option configuration.

26. The system of claim 23, further comprising means for sending a separate email to each addressee.

27. The system of claim 23, further comprising means for saving a configuration of delivery option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

28. The system of claim 27, further comprising means for matching a second set of addressees with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

29. An email system for selectively applying delivery options to an email having a plurality of addressees, comprising:

an email client operable to display an address list and to select addressees for an email;
and

an email server in communication with the email client and connected to a network,
wherein at least one of the email client and the email server is operable to selectively apply a delivery option to one or more, but not all, of the addressees.

30. The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server sends a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery option configuration.

31. The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server generates and sends a separate email to each addressee.

32. The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server saves a configuration of delivery option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

33. The email system of claim 32, wherein one of the email client and email server matches a second set of addressees with the first set of addressees and automatically sets delivery options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

34. The email system of claim 29, wherein the delivery options comprise delivery confirmation and return receipt.

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